



CAROLINE COUNTY

Program Open Space Annual Program Plan FY2021

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Prepared and submitted in accordance with state mandates and guidelines as documented in the Program Open Space Grants Manual. This Annual Program conforms to the Caroline County Comprehensive Plan and the 2017 Caroline County Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.

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The 2021-22 Annual Program presents a detailed plan for Caroline County's investment of Program Open Space to expand and rehabilitate existing public park facilities within the exclusive jurisdiction of the county and/or in partnership with incorporated municipalities. The Program is consistent with the 2017 Caroline County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP), scheduled for amendment into the County Comprehensive Land Use Plan on June 27, 2017. Both the LPPRP and this Annual Program are presented in partnership with the Caroline County Recreation and Parks Citizen Advisory Board.

The projects incorporated herein are also based on the following factors:

1. It is an on-going project that has been included in the previous plan;
2. It is a local POS allocation recommendation by the County to support park development efforts by an incorporated municipality and will likely be leveraged into a future Community Parks and Playgrounds grant request by the municipality;
3. The included project establishes a general distribution balance of POS and /or project development support by county professionals over the geographic county regions;
4. The county anticipates or acknowledges mounting support from the community, local and county elected officials and/or private funding or community partnership support for a specific project.

Although in total, the projects in the FY2021 Program Plan exceed the grant funding resources available to the county, the completion date projected for each project is noted in within each project title. Each of these projects are specifically referenced in the 2016 LPPRP in Chapter III in section G. *Capital Improvement Acquisition Priorities* (pp.60) and in *Table III-6 Priorities for Rehabilitation, Development and Land Acquisition*, 2017-2025 (pp. 72).

Project Summary Table: FY2021

LPPRP Inventory Reference ¹	Project Location & Name	Project Acreage	Funding Sources				Development Share
			Local POS	General Fund	Other	TOTAL	
83	North County Regional Park (FY20)	207	175,000	17,500	0	194,360	
36	Henderson Park	2.3	50,000	5,000		55,000	
54	Marydel Community Park	25	75,000	7,500		82,500	
44	Jonestown Community Park	3.59	50,000	5,000		55,000	
FY2021 Development Total			350,000	35,000		386,860	

¹ The inventory reference corresponds with the regional map identifier in the 2017 LPPRP. These maps are included as a reference at the end of this document.

new	Hillsboro Neighborhood Park lot acquisitions	1.1	105,000	0	0	105,000	Acquisition Share
Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (FY 20) FY 21			25,000 25,000			25,000 25,000	
Plan Subtotal			50,000			50,000	
FY2021 Acquisition Total		1.1	155,000			155,000	
POS Allocations Encumbered & Active							
LPPRP Inventory Reference ²	Project Location & Name	Project Acreage	Funding Sources				
			Local POS ⁱ	General Fund	Other	TOTAL	
83	North County Regional Park (FY19) (pos#6878- 5-204)	207	88,441		8,844	97,285	
10	Chambers Park (FY19) POS #6879-5-205	16	20,000	2,000		22,000	
73	Templeville Community Park (FY19) POS #6755-5-199	0.8	20,000	5,000		25,000	
30	Goldsboro Community Park (FY19) POS #6753-5-198	1.27	18,000	2,000		20,000	
12	Choptank Nature Park (FY19) POS #6877-5-203	12	14925		2,000	16,925	
70	South County Regional Athletic Complex (FY18) # pos #06644- 05-0197	35	126,325		12,708	139,033	
54	Marydel Community Park (FY18) #6573-5-194	25	20,315	12,298		33,398	
26	Federalburg Elementary School Ballfield (FY18) #6643-5-196	8.9	9,161			9,161	
	LPPR Plan (FY 18&19) POS #6767-5-200		33,795			33,795	
TOTAL:		71.1	350,962	21,298	44,850	378,597	

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Project Descriptions

83 NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK

(County Tax Map 15: Parcel 135)

Development of the 207 acre waterfront parcel located north of Greensboro on the Upper Choptank River includes conservation design and construction to stabilize existing ditch erosion, completion of a forest and natural resources management plan, expansion of the preliminary public access points to the natural walking trails (Parking, wayfinding signs, limited trail construction) and a master plan process that balances future recreation asset development with resource protection and the community/agency capacity to manage the park.



North County Regional Park

54 Marydel Community Park (County Tax Map 2: parcel 18)

This is Phase II development to serve the 1,500 citizens in the north county region. POS Supported construction in this FY will be leveraged with two grant awards to the Town of Marydel: Community Parks and Playground grant and a LWCF grant. Improvements include a second multipurpose field, irrigation improvements for the existing and new field, expanded parking area, storm water management improvements, additional paved pathways and a fenced maintenance building. The project is consistent with the LPPRP and the State Planning Visions and is within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Marydel.



Plan for LWCF Funding Submission for Marydel Park Improvements

70 SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK (County Tax Map 54: Parcel 88)

Development scope includes perimeter trail development, and a pavilion/concession facility with utility infrastructure for future restrooms. This 73-acre site was acquired with POS funds in 2001. The multipurpose fields support league play for soccer and youth lacrosse.



Figure 1: South County Regional Park

NEW HILLSBORO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

(Under negotiation-specific map and parcel not available currently)

Proposed acquisition of two .5-.75 vacant lot within the jurisdictional town limits of Hillsboro for future dog park and stream restoration project, and tow expand the boundaries of an existing community park. Acquired land will be titled to the Hillsboro Town Council for development and maintenance of the future outdoor recreation features.

30 GOLDSBORO COMMUNITY PARK, TOWN OF GOLDSBORO

(County Tax map 11A; parcel 66)

Restoration of paved court basketball and tennis court surfaces in FY2017/18 for a park that serves a rural village of 450+ includes the partnership of the Goldsboro Town Council and may be combined with a 2018 Community Parks & Playground application



Figure 2: Goldsboro Park

73 TEMPLEVILLE PARK, TOWN OF TEMPLEVILLE (County Tax map 2; parcel 72)

The Town of currently coordinating the construction design through a Watershed Assistance Grant via the Chesapeake Bay Trust to ultimately improve pond conditions, water quality, storm water management and BMP practices both on-site and with surrounding property owners. The .8-acre neighborhood park serves a village of under 50 people. It was established in 1970 and has not been improved in over 30 years.



Figure 3: Templeville Park

12 CHOPTANK NATURE PARK

(Caroline Tax Map 58: p.4)

This 12.6-acre parcel proposes the phased development of walking trail and a wildlife viewing station around the dredge disposal berms. *The final master development plan will include broad community and neighborhood review per the notification requirements of any development within Maryland Critical Area boundaries.* The project also includes a partnership with the Caroline Historical Society for the location is a historic building – eventually an interpretive center for the site and the Underground Railroad.



Figure 4: Choptank Nature Park and Choptank Marina

10 CHAMBERS PARK, TOWN OF FEDERALSBURG

In active operation since it was established in 1979, Chambers Park requires capital renovation of its historic features (log cabin) and a redesign of traffic and facility features to optimize public access, public safety and recreation use. Local POS investment will likely be combined with an FY19/20 application for Community Parks & Playgrounds funding for final construction.

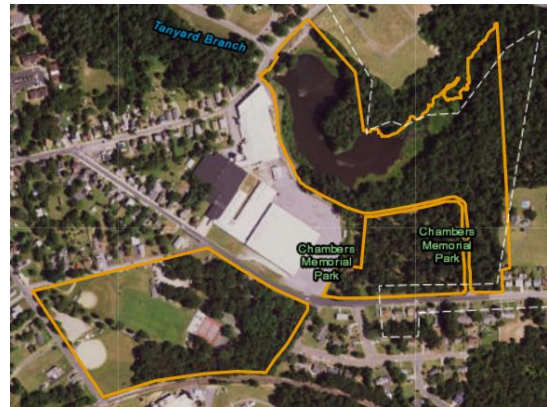
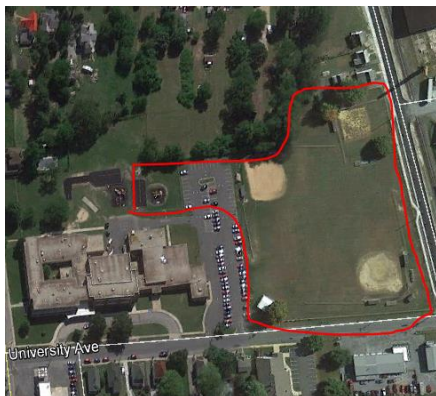


Figure 5: Chambers Community Park

26 Federalsburg Elementary School Community Park (County Tax map 201; parcel 459 & 460)

There are 9 acres surrounding the school within the Town of Federalsburg. Park facilities include youth baseball field, concession stands and playground. Capital investments in the spectator seating area, dugouts and community playground improvements are the target of POS funds.



6 FES Baseball Fields, BOE property within
Town of Federalsburg

LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The 2019 Caroline County Plan will be amended to the County Comprehensive Land Use Plan by July 1, 2020. To continue the implementation of the park and preservation planning systems that will inform the development of the 2021 Plan, the county proposes the encumbrance of \$25K from its land acquisition allocation account. The FY2018 POS investment will focus on the following objectives:

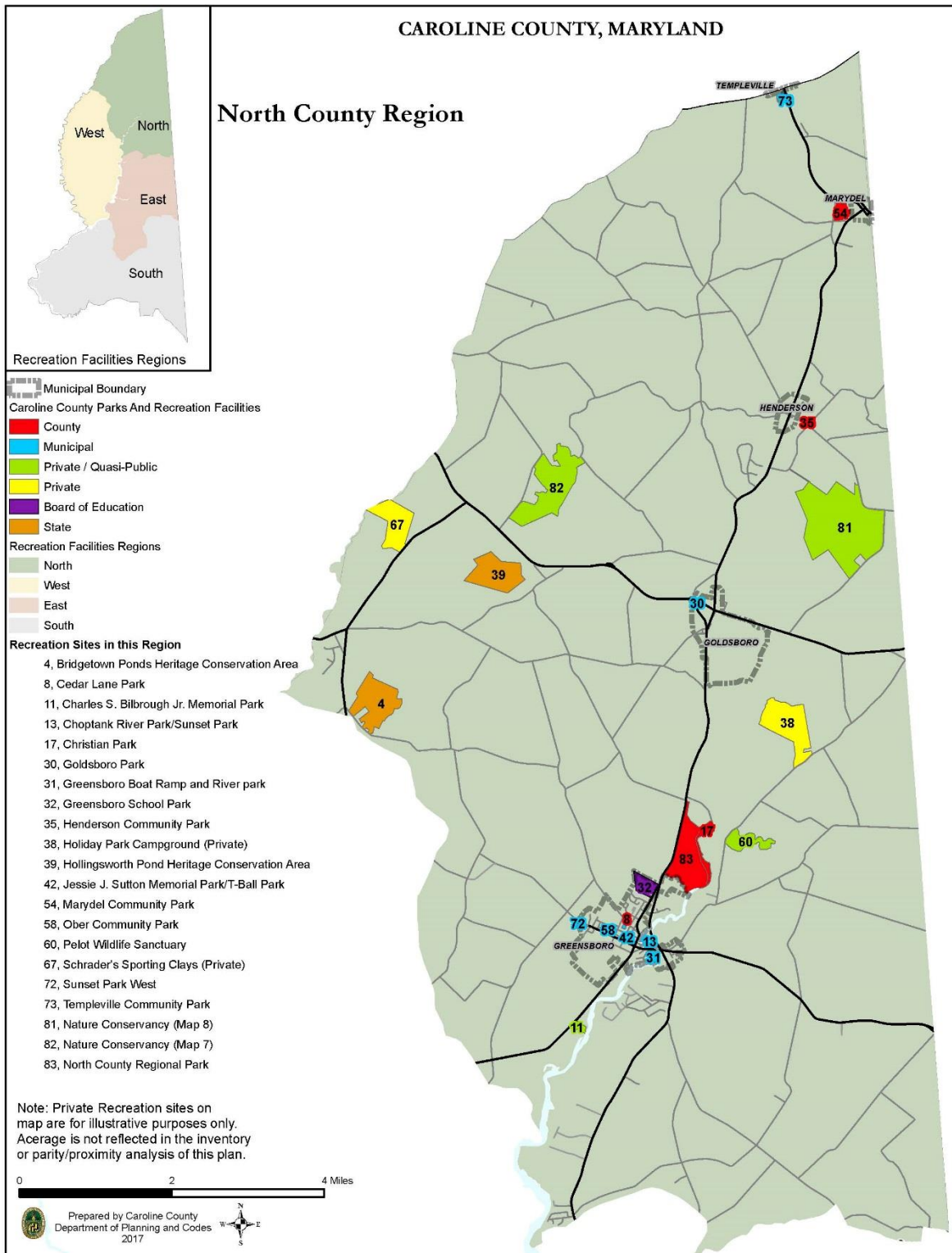
- (1) expand the scope of the GIS park asset inventory to include non-county owned, but publicly managed and maintained park and recreation facilities, starting in the south county region, and
 - (2) refine the data input and mapping details to contribute to the accuracy and application of the State's Park Parity Model.
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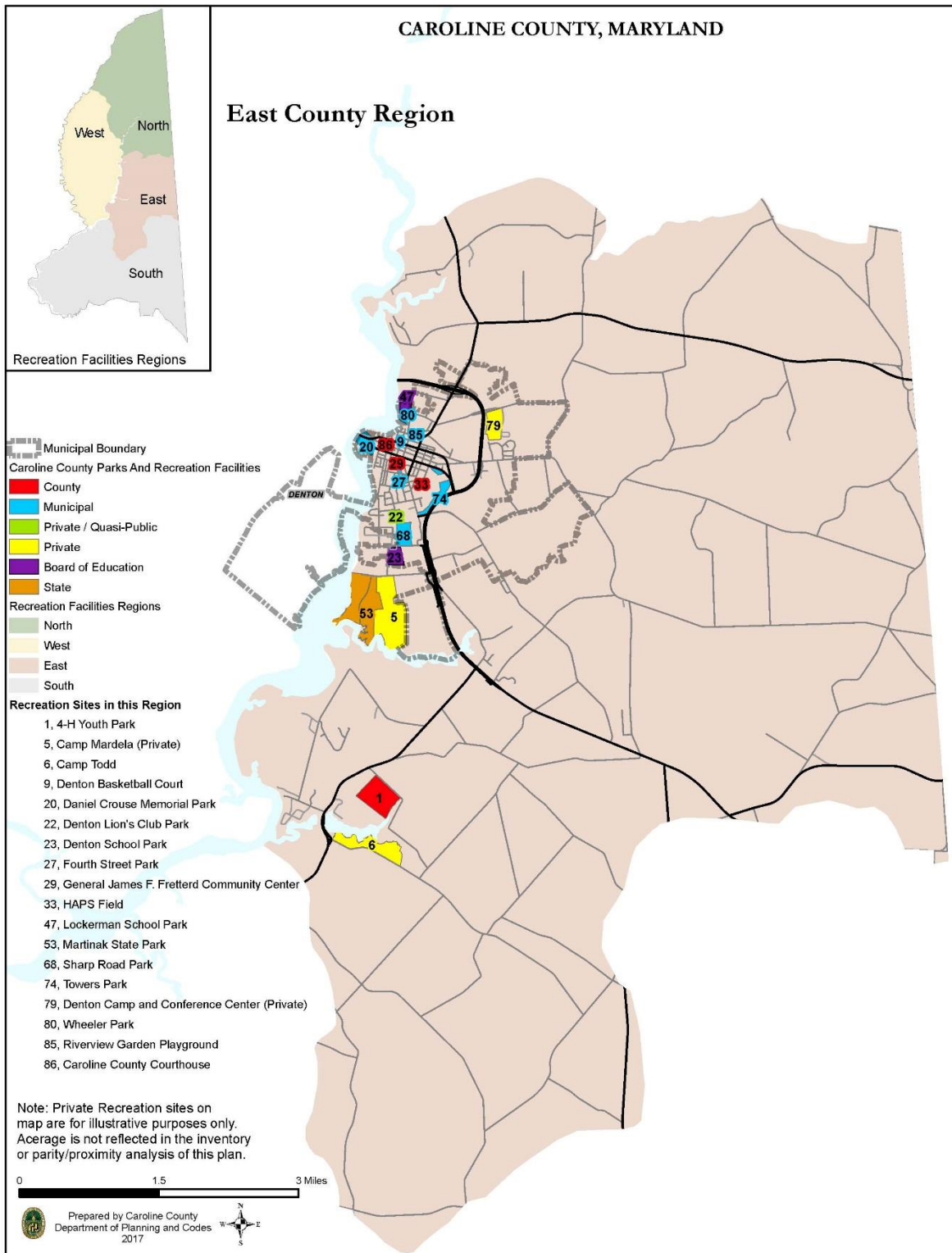
The balance of the projects reflected in the Annual Plan Table on pp. 2 represent projects with POS grant allocations and detailed project outlines. They are referenced in FY2019 and the 2018 Annual Program Plans.

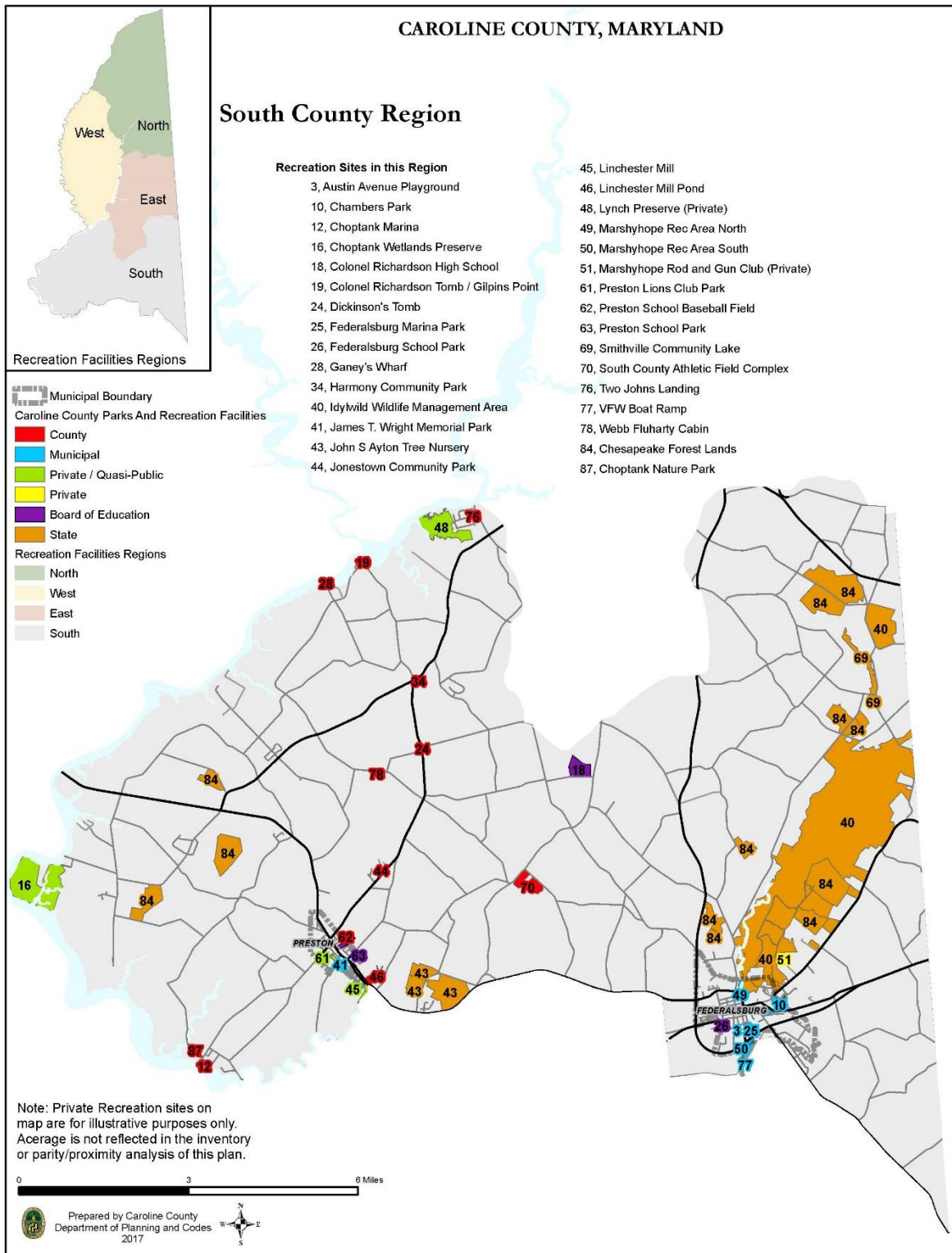
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS SUMMARY TABLE (Includes proposed and current projects, # times \$1,000)

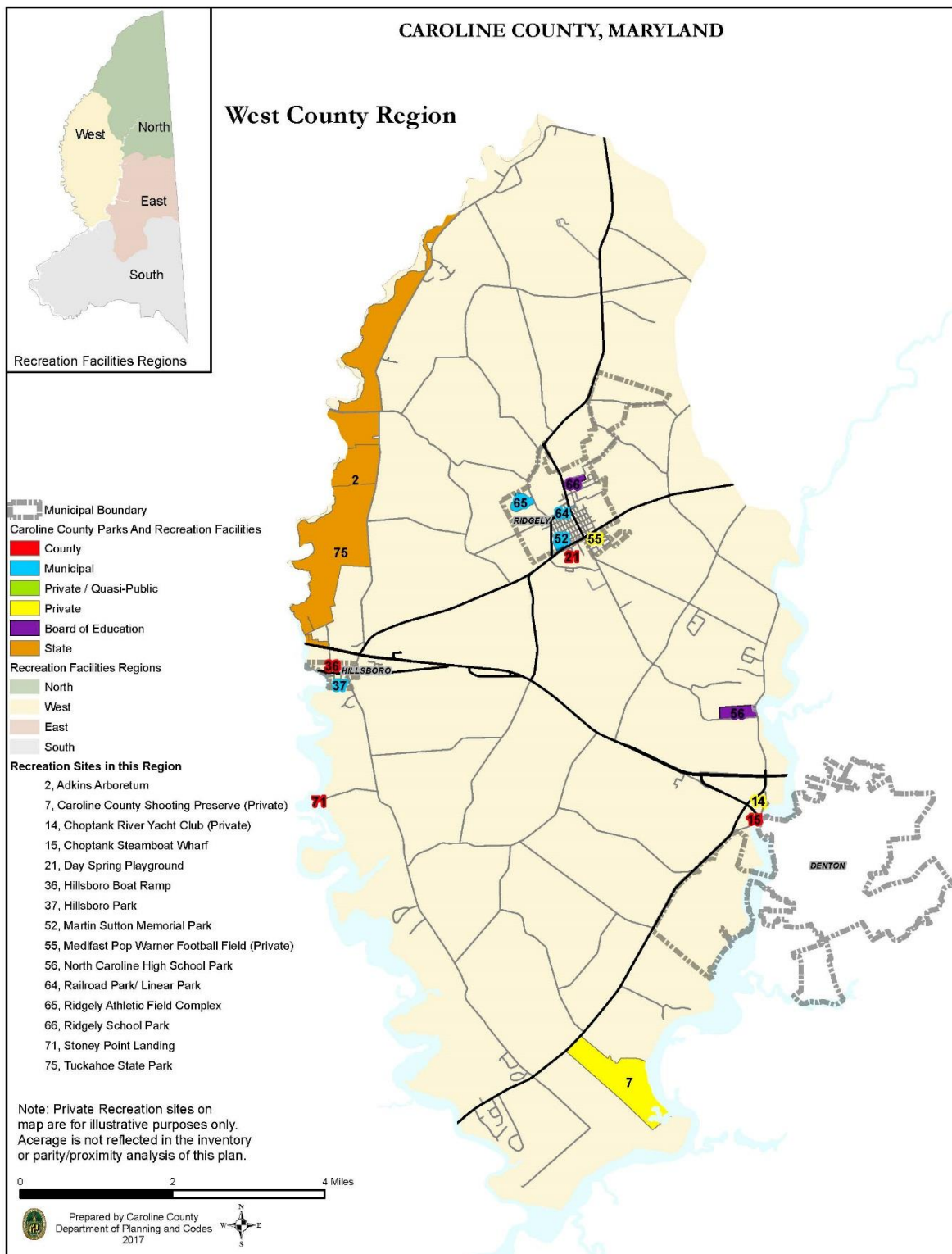
County Region	POS	General Fund	Other	Regional TOTAL
North	426	49.3	8.8	533.4
East	105			105
West	0		0	0
South	211.2	7	14.7	232.9
Planning	83			83
TOTAL	825.2	56.3	23.5	954.3

COUNTY LOCATION MAPS THAT FOLLOW are excerpts from the 2017 Caroline Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan.









ⁱ Balances based on the March 11, 2020 MD DNR report of fund balances for Caroline County Local Share Projects